(8) Oman

(9) Saudi Arabia

(10) Czech Republic

(11) Slovak Republic.

(c) The Government are in principle in favour of such Joint Business Council Agreements.

TDA report on TTCI

4316. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Development Authority in its report about Tea Trading Corporation of India had suggested for opening of joint ventures company abroad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such joint venture companies set up by the TTCI have been running into losses;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed on some persons for these avoidable losses; and

(d) if so, details thereof

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) In order to expand activities of Tea Trading Corporation of India in the South East Asian region, the erstwhile Trade Development Authority, during 1978-79, prepared a feasibility report for establishing a joint venture project in Singapore for tea packaging-*cum*-blending complex. The joint venture project at Singapore, which had run into losses, has since been wound up.

(c) and (d) Responsibility in the matter was fixed on the then Chief Executive of the Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd., who has since resigned.

Impot of Dry Fruit

4317. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the countries from which dry fruit particularly Almond, Kishmish and other varieties of dry fruit have been imported during each of the last two years ;

(b) the foreign exchange incurred thereon yearwise; and

(c) the measures adopted to produce the dry fruit in the country and to save foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) As per annexure. [*see* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 822].

(c) Government of India has allocated Rs. 74.40 crores for the Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid and Temperate Zone Fruits under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the Eighth Plan for the development of fruits, which also includes dry fruits.

राज्य व्यापार निगम तथा खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम के निर्यात लक्ष्यों में गिरावट

4318. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राज्य व्यापार निगम और खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम ने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अपने निर्यात लक्ष्यों, विशेषकर कांडला मुक्त पत्तन से निर्यात होने वाले लौह अयस्क, खाद्य पदार्थों उर्वरकों और अन्य अयस्कों से संबंधित निर्यात लक्ष्यों में कमी कर दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कांडला मुक्त पत्तन से किये गये निर्यात का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) एम०एम०टी०सी० तथा एस०टी०सी० पत्तन वार निर्यात लक्ष्य नहीं रखते हैं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) एम०एस०टी०सी० द्वारा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कांडला पत्तन से किये गये निर्यात का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा :

(मात्रा : हजार मी० टन में)

मद	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
गेहूं . .	243	--	--
चावल . .	61	12	--
चीनी . .	--	--	26

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सोया खाद्य .	20	3	3
अरण्डी .	—	—	13
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एस० टी० सी० द्वारा जो निर्यात अनन्य रूप से कांडला पत्तन से किया गया उसका ब्यौरा उपलब्ध नहीं है।

Scheme for Development of Spices

4319. SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the development of spices was mainly implemented through Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the Seventh Plan period ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this scheme was implemented in Madhya Pradesh and in various other States ;

(c) if so, the total amount spent for the development of spices in Madhya Pradesh ;

(d) what are the other States where the Scheme was implemented ;

(e) whether the Scheme continued during the year 1993-94 ; and

(f) if so, the extent to which the development of spices improved during 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme was not implemented in Madhya Pradesh during 7th Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Central Sector Integrated Programme for Development of Spices was implemented in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Andaman & Nicobar Islands during the 7th Plan.

(e) The Central Sector Integrated Programme for Development of Spices with 100% Central assistance is under implementation in Madhya Pradesh since 1990-91 alongwith other spices growing States.

(f) The estimates of production for 1993-94 are not available. However, the target for production of spices for the year 1993-94 was 22.0 lakh tonnes.

Production and Export of Spices

4320. SHRI SAM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the item-wise production and export of spices during the last three years ;

(b) whether any attempt has been made by Government to know the scope for increasing production of spices in the country ;

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps proposed to be taken in this regard ;

(d) whether there is any possibility of value addition and affecting savings in wastage by improving post harvest technology for spices ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) A statement is enclosed. *(See* below).

(b) and (c) As per provisional estimates, the production of spices during 1992-93 was 20.5 lakh tonnes. An overall growth rate of 8% is envisaged during the 8th Plan and accordingly the production targets of 29.35 lakh tonnes has been fixed for 1996-97 and by 2000 Ad, production may go to 37.4 lakh tonnes. The major spices covered under the programme are pepper, ginger, turmeric, chillies, coriander, cumin, garlic, fennel, fenugreek, celery, tamarind and tree spices.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is the strategy of the Government to assist Government agencies, cooperatives, voluntary organisations and exporters to develop common facilities for quality improvement, product diversification, storage and marketing.